

Medford Dumps Pelicans To Win Two-Game Series

Rough Play Features Hardwood Frays; Tornado Racks Up 12th Win, 42-26

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Southern Oregon Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Medford	5	0	1.000
Ashland	3	2	.600
Klamath Falls	1	3	.250
Grants Pass	0	4	.000

It was practically the same story Saturday night on the KUHS maple that it was Friday, with the Black Tornado from Medford pouring it on the Pelicans in the final tilt of 42 to 26 in the final tilt of a two-game series here. The Medford five emerged on top in the initial fracas by the count of 44 to 28.

Both clubs set some kind of a record for roughness, with a total of 67 personal fouls being called during the series. Friday night 35 personals were rolled up by the rough-and-ready rivals and 32 were chalked up Saturday, with both sides guilty of 16 infractions of the rules.

In the final clash Saturday, the K-men were again unable to solve the Medford defense and spent the majority of the evening vainly seeking to find the answer. The Pelicans were forced to shoot from outside the keyhole all during the fray and were consistently short with their efforts, while the Tornado was again successful with its fast breaking offense, shaking two or three men loose under the Klamath bucket for lay-in shots.

Time after time the ball rimmed the hoop for the Pelicans in heaves that looked like sure counters. The passing of both quintets was a bit improved over Friday night's effort, but still left much to be desired.

It was the superior work of Fawcett and Ross that turned the tide Medford's way, as Ross accounted for 15 tallies and Fawcett racked up 13 markers to account for 28 points between them and garner well over half of Medford's 42 counters.

Jim Palmer hit the bucket for three field goals and four charity tosses to pace the Pelican attack with 10 ringers.

Klamath got off to a one point lead after three minutes of playing time had elapsed, when Palmer sank his first gift heave of the evening, but Watson knotted the count seconds later with a similar toss.

After four minutes and 10 seconds had gone by, Dean Mason arched in a one-handed push shot for the first field goal of the game. Perkins and Fawcett both made free throws good to put the Pelicans in front 4-2, but Fawcett potted one from the keyhole to again deadlock the tilt. Mason came through with another beau-

ty from the side and Fawcett slipped in another gift toss to bring the score up to 7-6 on the Klamath side of the ledger.

A minute later, Ross shook loose for a lay-in shot on a fast break to give Medford 9-6 and the Tornado was never headed after that. Palmer sank a two-pointer from the side and Watson flipped in a free throw to make the count 10-8 at the end of the first canto.

In the second heat, the K-men were only able to pick up three points, all made by Palmer, while Ross potted two lay-ins and a free throw and Fawcett added one more two-pointer to give Medford a 17-11 advantage at halftime.

Ross ran wild in the third frame, opening the quarter with a field goal. After Noreen had made a gift toss good and Watson had flipped in two charity heaves, the shifty Medford forward broke away for three straight buckets to make the score 27-12. Hayes made a tip-in and Watson potted a goal from the keyhole slot to put the Black Tornado out in front, 31 to 12.

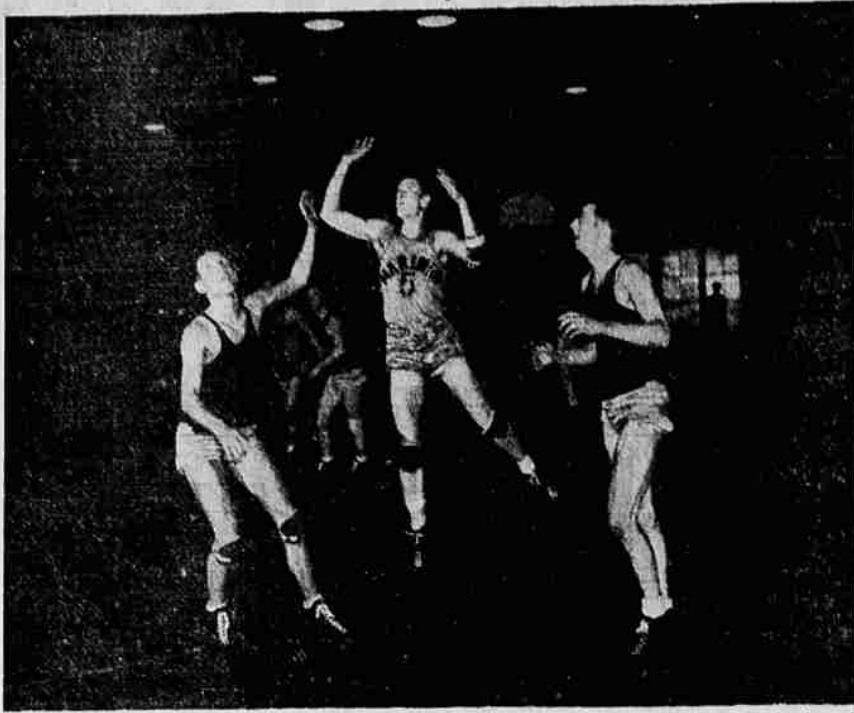
Redkey parted the mesh for the first Klamath field goal of the second half and Fawcett duplicated seconds later, followed by Alexander, Reich made a gift toss good and the quarter ended with the score 34 to 16.

The K-men outscored the Tornado in the final frame, accounting for 10 points, while holding Medford down to eight. Bussman sank a free throw to open scoring, while Whillock countered with a one-thander. Cave picked up a free throw and Noreen looped in a beautiful pivot shot from outside the keyhole. Stelle arched in a two-pointer and Palmer potted a charity toss to make the tally 39-20.

Fawcett flipped in an under-the-basket shot and Zarusinski, Noreen, and Perkins chalked up gift heaves. Palmer came through with a swisher from the side and Fawcett racked up his third free throw as the buzzer sounded the end of the game with the final score 42 to 26, giving Medford its 12th straight cage victory this season.

In the fourth stanza, both Riggs and Watson were evicted from the game, Watson for the second time in two tilts for a 100 per cent average in rough play. No Pelicans fouled out in either fracas and the other Medford players seemed content to let Riggs and Watson take care of the dirty work. The sportsmanship of the Medford club was found wanting in many respects, the highlight of which was when Riggs went out on the floor after

"Red" Gilbert Loops in Tying Goal



Pivotman "Red" Gilbert of the Marine Barracks five is shown above just after letting the ball go for the shot that tied up the ball game Saturday night with the Fairfield-Suisun Sky-masters at 44 to 44. The Leathernecks went on to win the tilt 46 to 44 in a thrilling finish.

Leathernecks Take 46-44 Thriller

Twelve hundred spectators were figuratively glued to their seats Saturday night at the Post gymnasium as the marine cageers came from behind in the closing minutes of play to defeat the Fairfield-Suisun Sky-masters, 46-44.

In one of the most exciting games ever witnessed by basketball fans, the Leatherneck five came out for the second half 17 points behind. But in spite of this handicap they were out to win and the determination they displayed told the story.

The fracas started out with an even exchange of baskets. Then suddenly, the air station boys broke loose. Shooting long ones to stay clear of the marine zone defense, Smith dropped one after another with unerring accuracy into the hoop. When Coach Israel's forwards went out to stop the army's long shot artist he passed to stellar For-

ward Harmon who worked short ones in from the left. Playing a long shot, Israel threw in his entire second team but they failed to score and the half ended, Fairfield-Suisun, 30, Marines, 13.

At the opening of the second half, the Barracks first team went back into the game playing a man to man defense in hopes of checking the California five. And then it happened! Since the season opened the Leathernecks have been known for their amazing skill in scoring and all around playing in the second half. The sparkplug for these last half efforts is Robert "Red" Gilbert, ball handler extraordinary. The reputation didn't fail against the air corps boys.

Gilbert started things off with a one hand push shot that slipped through the mesh without touching the rim. Joe Domitrovitch, marine southpaw guard, found the mark along with Gilbert and the Leathernecks were on their way. The man to man defense began to click, the marines stying so close to the Vallejo pilots they couldn't break away. Almost equaling their point-a-minute tally against the Navy-cats in the first six minutes of the second half last week, the Pacific veterans had totaled 31 markers in the first 18 minutes of the last half to tie the score.

With two minutes to play and

the game deadlocked, 44-44, it was anybody's ball game. The devildogs, in possession of the ball in the last 30 seconds of play, worked it down to the bucket where a mad scramble resulted. First, the Sky-masters grabbed it and then the Leathernecks. Finally Gilbert broke from the center of activity, ball in hand and jumped high in the air to push it through. The crowd was on the verge of hysteria when the air station called time out with seven seconds remaining. From out of bounds the ball went to Smith, who had been held to two buckets by Gilbert in the second half. In his own territory behind the center line Smith let a long one go, only to have it drop into Burkland's waiting arms as the gun went off.

Without a doubt the Sky-masters were one of the finest teams the marines have met this year. Harmon and Smith at forwards present a formidable combination and although Oakey, high scorer for the team, couldn't find the bucket, Lester, tall rangy center, came through with seven points. For the Marines, Meath, perhaps the most consistent player on the squad, Mills, Burkland and Money filled out the necessary punch behind their top scorers Gilbert and Domitrovitch. High scorer of the game was Smith with 16, followed by Gilbert with 13.

Huskies Collide With Two Oregon Outfits This Week

Hold your breath. Here it comes.

This is the week of the big show. This is the week the University of Washington Huskies, unbeaten in northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball play, collide head-on with a pair of Oregon outfits anxious to change conditions.

Idle last week while Oregon lost one precious game to Washington State but still clung tightly to second place, the Huskies showed they could be had. They lost in an overtime to the Independent Alpine Dairy, 42-41, but snapped right back with a "So what!" Saturday in the form of a 68-41 smothering of Western Washington college at Bellingham.

Cellarite game was showing the rest of the loop it must not be counted out entirely by defeating Whitman Saturday night, 40 to 37.

Oregon overcame its WSC junx Saturday night 64 to 48 to close its schedule against the Cougars all even. The teams broke even at Pullman and WSC won the first start at Eugene Friday night. But for the Cougars the Oregon trip was a disaster if league tradition holds—The tradition that says a team can lose not more than four games and finish on top. After three losses last week, two to Oregon State, the Cougars are at the limit.

Washington first bumps up against an Oregon State team smarting from the two losses suffered at the season's start in Seattle. In the games tomorrow and Wednesday at Corvallis the Beavers can point to three big factors in their favor: (1) They are playing on their home floor, always an advantage. (2) Washington will be using only its civilian players. (3) At full strength in the Seattle series on opening night, they were barely edged out by a Washington team that had all its men available, including the naval trainees who have formed the starting five at Husky home games.

And right after this double argument the Huskies must switch to Eugene for Friday-Saturday meetings with Oregon,

which demonstrated its determination to get a chunk of the pennant by its Saturday night rally from the Friday defeat.

Idaho, without a victory yet but remembering it hung four straight defeats on WSC last season, meets the Cougars for the first time this year at the week's end. The first tangle will be at Moscow Friday and the second at Pullman the following night.

There it is. Hold your hats. Classified Ads Bring Results.

Champ Calf Roper Dies At Denver

DENVER, Jan. 22 (AP)—Clyde (Sagey) Burk, 31, world's champion calf roper from Comanche, Okla., died early today at St. Luke's hospital of injuries suffered yesterday when a horse fell on him at the National Western Stock Show rodeo.

Burk, not entered in the bulldogging event that brought death to him, was hazing steers on horseback for other bulldoggers. His mount, owned by another cowboy, stumbled and threw Burk. The Oklahoman tried to regain his seat, but the horse, attempting to elude a steer, slipped and rolled over him. Burk's head was injured. Burk's own horse, for which he paid \$2500 at the Denver rodeo in 1942, was resting for the day's roping contest.

Only last Wednesday the Rodeo Association of America named Burk the champion calf roper and one of the 10 leading cowboys of 1944. He also held the roping title in 1943.

Saturday night results: Saddle bronc riding—Jerry Ambler, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Chuck Sheppard, Kirkland, Ariz., and Ralph Collier, Coleman, Tex.

Ernie Piluso To Meet "Mask" In Main Event

Friday night at the Klamath Punch plaza, populace Ernie Piluso will get his chance with the apparently invincible "Grey Mask." Ernie despises the masked menace and vows by the stars above that he will unmask the hooded heel one way or another.

Last week the veiled villain announced that he didn't trust either the promoter or the referee and under no circumstances would he unmask unless fairly beaten. Piluso has come close to dropping the "Mask" several times here and in Portland, but close ones only count in horse-shoes, and he must actually grapple the hooded hoodlum to be successful.

Mr. Stoneface will doubtless

rely again on his dreaded butts, but Ernie is reported to have evolved a defense against this dangerous weapon and try it out here for the first Friday night.

Two other top-notch bouts being arranged by promoter Mack Lillard to fill out a card of A-1 calibre. The "Mask" retained his unbeaten record the northwest so far, but he got an idea of what makes the face run, when Ernie takes him on in the main event.

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